



# Ward Notification

## Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Patrick Kelly



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### **Ward 2 – House Fire – 8100 Block of East Colette Place**

July 18, 2009

Dispatch Time – 1720

On-Scene Time – 1726

Fire Under Control - 1742

A man lost his dog and his home after a fire started in the living room and destroyed the entire home. Neighbors noticed a fire in the back porch area and called 911. One neighbor attempted to enter the home and remove the dog, but the heavy smoke and flames inside did not allow that to happen. Approximately 45 firefighters and 16 units extinguished this fire in 16 minutes. Electrical lines were down in the back yard, creating an additional life-safety risk. The dog did not make it out alive and the owner was not home when the fire started. The owner returned home to find his home completely destroyed.

Power was restored to nearby homes and was disconnected from this home until repairs are completed.

Red Cross is assisting this man with food, clothing and shelter.

Damage estimate - \$200,000

Cause – Carelessly discarded smoking materials

Origin – Living room

Safety Message: Extinguish cigarettes in large ashtrays. When emptying ashtrays, ensure the materials are cool and are discarded in a noncombustible container. A carelessly discarded cigarette can smolder, in furniture or in a trash can, for hours before a fire is started. Use caution when discarding hot items such as cigarette butts or cooking materials.